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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 1013

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, GY, MARR, US
SUBJECT: OPPOSITION CALLS FOR END TO AIR BASE AGREEMENT

REF: GEORGETOWN 0935 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: IN A PRESS RELEASE MAY 14, THE OPPOSITION PEOPLES
PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) RAISED AGAIN THE US-GOG AIR BASE AGREE-
MENT IN CONNECTION WITH A CALL FOR THE REMOVAL OF ALL US
MILITARY BASES IN PANAMA AND THE CARIBBEAN. END SUMMARY.

1. THE PPP RELEASE CENTERED AROUND A RESOLUTION ADOPTED
BY THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF PEACE BUILDERS WHICH MET IN WARSAW
MAY 6-11. THE RELEASE ALLEGED THAT US BASES IN THE AREA WERE
"AN INFRINGEMENT ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIONS." IT ALSO
CHARGED THAT THE US HAD ILLEGALLY TURNED THE CANAL ZONE INTO
A COMPLEX OF 14 MILITARY BASES, INCLUDING THE HEADQUARTERS
OF THE SOUTHERN COMMAND AND 40,000 ARMED MEN.

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2. FOCUSING ON GUYANA, THE PPP STATEMENT NOTED THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND GOG PERMITTING US MILITARY PLANES
TO OVER-FLY GUYANA AND TO USE FACILITIES OF TIMEHRI AIR-
PORT. RELEASE POINTED OUT THAT GOG HAD REFUSED TO DEBATE
A 1972 PPP PARLIAMENTARY MOTION CALLING FOR CANCELLATION
OF BASE AGREEMENT. THE RELEASE DEMANDED THE TERMINATION
OF THIS AGREEMENT AS WELL AS THE REMOVAL OF US BASES FROM

CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES OF PANAMA, CUBA AND PUERTO RICO.

3. COMMENT: PPP CALL FOR END TO THE BASE AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY APPEAR IN MIRROR IN CONTEXT OF REPORT ON WORLD ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE. MIRROR HAS PREVIOUSLY FEATURED ARTICLES CONDEMNING US-GOG AGREEMENT AS WELL AS US CONTROL OF CZ. JAGAN HAS NOT YET RETURNED FROM THE WARSAW CONFERENCE WHERE HE HEADED A FOUR-MAN GUYANA PEACE COUNCIL DELEGATION TO WORLD ASSEMBLY MEETING. WE CAN EXPECT JAGAN TO CONTINUE ATTACKING THE GOG ON THIS ISSUE.
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